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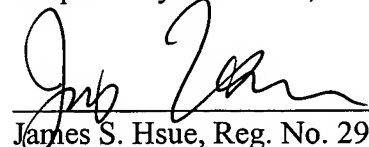
A number of claim amendments are being made. The non-elected claims 1 – 8 and 31 – 37 are being cancelled. Allowable dependent claim 17 is being re-written in independent form and the dependency of claims 18 and 19 changed accordingly. Allowable claims 18 and 20 now depend from claim 17.

The dependency of rejected claims 19 and 21 have been changed to depend from allowable claims 17 and 20, respectively, so are now believed to be allowable. Rejected claim 16 has been cancelled. Rejected independent claim 15 is being amended by adding the limitation of allowable claim 18, so is believed to be allowable for that reason.

New claims 38 – 43 are dependent upon various ones of the above-mentioned allowable claims, so are themselves believed to be allowable. New independent claim 44 specifies that the memory charge storage elements are coupled to both of the control gates on opposite sides of the storage elements. The cited U.S. patent no. 5,936,274 to Forbes et al. does not show this. New claims 45 – 49 are dependent upon claim 45, and therefore believed to be allowable for the same reason as claim 45, as well as including features already indicated to be independently allowable.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1163 would be appreciated.

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